

NOTES ON DONOVAN'S *NATURALIST'S REPOSITORY*.

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THE work under consideration is usually represented as consisting of five volumes, each volume dated 1834 on title-page. As far as the first two volumes are concerned, these were first issued in parts, vol. i in 1822-3 and vol. ii in 1823-4, and the book so far considered complete that Simpkin Marshall printed title-pages, undated, on which it was stated that the work was in two volumes.

Donovan's advertisement, dated from Lambeth, March 1st, 1823, remarks, "The Twelfth Number of this work is now respectfully submitted to the attention of the public. This number, accompanied by the Title Page and Index, renders the first volume complete. The Subscribers, therefore, are now enabled to form a correct idea of the nature and object of the undertaking: and from the style in which it has been so far conducted, to form some conclusion of that in which it is likely for the future to be continued." This advertisement also appears in vol. i of the 1834 edition.

Each plate is dated, both the day of the month and the year being given. Part i, arguing from the advertisement in vol. i, and the date on plate ii,¹ was issued on April 1st, 1822, and the dating on the plates as far as vols. i and ii are concerned is the actual date of issue.

The plates of vols. iii to v are all dated between April 1st, 1824, and December 1st, 1826, the first-mentioned date appearing on the first plate of vol. iii, and the latter on the last plate of vol. v, but we have no evidence at present that vols. iii-v were issued before 1834 beyond the statement that the plates were published on the dates specified "as the Act directs by C. Donovan and Messrs. Simpkin & Marshall".

The title-page to vol. i (earlier edition) reads:—

"The | Naturalist's Repository | or | Monthly Miscellany | Of | Exotic Natural History : | Consisting Of | Elegantly Coloured Plates with appropriate Scientific | and General Descriptions | Of The Most Curious, Scarce, and Beautiful | Productions of Nature | That Have Been Recently Discovered | In Various Parts of The World; | And More Especially Such | Novelties | as from their extreme Rarity remain entirely undescribed, or which have not been | duly noticed by any preceding Naturalists. [*sic*²] | The Whole Composed According to | The Latest Improvements In The Various Departments of | The Science | And Forming Collectively A Truly Valuable | Compendium Of The Most Important Discoveries | Of | Quadrupeds, Birds, Fishes, Insects, Shells | Marine Productions | And Every Other Interesting Object of Natural History, The Produce of Foreign Climates | By E. Donovan, F.L.S. W.S. Etc. | Vol. I. | London: | Printed For The Author, And W. Simpkin and R. Marshall | Stationers' Hall Court, Ludgate Street. | 1823."

¹ Plate i is dated April, 1822, only.

² This misprint occurs in both volumes.

The title-page to the 1834 issue reads:—

“The | Naturalist’s Repository | Or | Miscellany | of | Exotic
Natural History, | Exhibiting | Rare and Beautiful Specimens | of |
Foreign Birds, Insects, Shells, | Quadrupeds, Fishes, and Marine
Productions; | More Especially Such | New Subjects | As Have Not
Been Figured, or Correctly Described; | Forming A | Compendium
Of The Most Interesting Modern Discoveries | In Zoology | By |
E. Donovan, F.L.S. W.S. Etc. | Author of the Natural Histories of
British Birds, Insects, Fishes, Shells, and Quadrupeds; | Insects of
China, India, and New Holland. | In Five Volumes, | With One
Hundred and Eighty Coloured Plates. | Vol. I. | London: | Printed
For the Author, and Simpkin & Marshall. | MDCCCXXXIV.”

The following is the list of species of shells illustrated in the two first volumes.

Vol. I, 1823.

Plate i, April, 1822.

- Fig. i. *Conus ammiralis*, L., v. *amboinensis*, a ex Leverian Coll.
 ,, ii. ,, ,, ,, ^β ,, ,,
 ,, iii. ,, ,, *cedo nulli*, a Favanne, ex coll., Holland.
 ,, iv. ,, ,, ,, ^β ,, ,,

Plate iv, May 1, 1822.

Voluta scapha, Gmel., v. *nobilis*, ex Leverian Coll.

Plate viii, June 1, 1822.

Buccinum harpa, L., v. *testudo*, Solander MSS., ex Leverian Coll.

Plate xi, July 1, 1822.

Trochus imperialis (*T. imperator*, Gmel.), var. *a roseus*, in B.M., (?) ex
Leverian Mus. via the Duke of Bourbon.

Plate xv, August 1, 1822.

Murex foliatus, Gmel.

Plate xvi, September 1, 1822.

Murex scorpio, L., v. *minor*, ex Leverian Museum.

Plate xxi, October 1, 1822. Plate xxii, November 1, 1822.

Voluta pyrum, L., dextral.

,, ,, sinistral, ex Leverian Museum.

Plate xxvi, wrongly numbered xxv, December 1, 1822.

Turbo scalaris, L., ex Leverian Museum.

Plate xxviii, January 1, 1823.

Malleus maculatus, n.sp., ex Leverian Museum.

Plate xxxii, February 1, 1823.

Cypræa aurora, Lamarek.

Plate xxxiv, March 1, 1823.

Terebratula sanguinea, Solander MSS., Leach, Zool. Misc., f. 76.

Plate xxxvi, April 1, 1823.

Nerita polita, L., var., ex Leverian Museum.

Vol. II, 1824.

Plate xxxviii, April 1, 1823.

Voluta episcopalis, L.

Plate xli, May 1, 1823.

Trochus conchyliphorus, Gmel.

Plate xliii, June 1, 1823.

Conus aulicus, L.

Plate xlvi, July 1, 1823.

Voluta scapha, Gmel., ex Leverian Museum.

Plate xlix, August 1, 1823.

Helix perversa, Gmel.

Plate li, August 1, 1823. Plate lii, September 1, 1823.

Strombus latissimus, Linn.

Plate lvi, October 1, 1823.

Terebratula cruenta (Solander MSS.).

„ *rubicunda* (Solander MSS.).

Plate lxi, December 1, 1823.

Voluta dufresnii, n.sp.

Plate lxvii, February 1, 1824.

Voluta ferussacii, n.sp.
